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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am taking this opportunity to write to all parents to clarify our uniform expectations at Smestow Academy, as outlined on the school website. These have been regularly communicated, but we do still have a number of girls wearing skirts that are not an appropriate length.

The school website does make it clear we do not allow Lycra or stretch skirts, and that they should be 'formal' skirts that would be appropriate in the workplace.

From September, the school website will state that a skirt should be an 'appropriate' length (approximately 5cm above the knee) this will help to remove any uncertainty as to what is deemed 'appropriate'.

For the remainder of the summer term, we are asking for parental support with this issue, and will be sanctioning skirts that are of Lycra or stretch variety. We would also ask that skirts are of an appropriate length, however, the directive above will be formally written into our uniform policy, as well as published on the school website from September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'I Chamberlain', with a flourish at the end.

**Mr I Chamberlain**  
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